

The Messenger.

THE FORTY FOUR

The Russell radical pardon-mill it is said, has not ground faster and oftener than the usual grinding under democratic governors. If true it only shows what many and great sins those inexcusable governors have to answer for. Russell's industry in setting free scoundrels and murderers has been great but he has not been able to beat the record of ever so hard he may. He has pardoned forty-four rascals. That means that he has over-ridden the findings of courts and has set at naught the plain rules of justice. With this record it is not a matter for surprise that the people are uneasy, dissatisfied, and resentful. To try a villain for the great crime of rape it was thought necessary to call out two military companies to guard the scoundrel from popular outrage. No such condition could exist in North Carolina if the courts had been faithful and the governor had not outraged public opinion and the decisions of the juries by turning out upon the people so many convicted miscreants. Whenever a people lose confidence in the integrity and fairness of courts and regard the governor, clothed in horror with such brief but tremendous authority to set aside the actual findings of judicial tribunals, then they are uneasy, on the alert, are ready to combine for self-preservation. We tell the governor and the court officials that the people are in great distrust of them. When they see officials ready to sign petitions for pardon, and in the teeth of the huge difficulty to secure the convictions of scoundrels under the present contemptible, burlesque jury trial system, and a partisan governor so plastic and agreeable to signers and friends, they lose all respect for and confidence in courts, and will not surrender to a reign of lawlessness, of murder, of crime. The man, be he democrat or radical, who clothed with the stupendous one-man pardoning power, a shame and a reproach to any people pretending to civilization and believing in popular government, who in ten months over-rides the findings of courts to set free forty-four condemned criminals cannot possibly be a friend to good order, to the protection of the people in lives, persons or property. The courts that wrongly condemn, on the other hand, forty-four innocent men show the utmost incapacity, the most inexcusable blundering, the most egregious wrong-doing. Russell ought to howl up. Some democratic governors may have been stupid and wholly ignorant of law and knew no better than to yield to petitions, that can be obtained for the vilest murderer of the blackest rapist in all the land, but Russell is a man of ability and a lawyer of parts if not wisdom. He knows the great prevalence of crime in this state, and that it is rapidly increasing. He knows of the importance, and the anxiety of the people living in the country. He knows that some of the farmers have left their homes and moved into towns to protect their families from murderers and rapists. He knows that the courts have been long under suspicion for incapacity and unfaithfulness, and that the trial by jury has become to a great extent a broad travesty of justice. Knowing these he commits a crime against the people and spurns law and order when he pardons a villain who was fairly tried under due process of law and found guilty and either sentenced to be hanged or to the penitentiary.

How long will the intelligence of North Carolina tolerate the one-man pardoning power, an insult to the principle of justice, a grievous wrong to the innocent, a source of danger to life and property and wholly unworthy of any people with sense enough to keep out of an insane asylum and with character enough to keep out of the penitentiary.

A GEM.

We like a gem, whether of poetry or prose. Not very many people can distinguish between pleasant, easy, flowing rhyme and poetic art and inspiration. There are "lots of people" who are unable to appreciate the finest prose the best of Newman and De Quincey, of Macaulay and Ruskin, of Lander and Pater. Finely wrought prose "is caviare to the general." There are some North Carolinians who write clever prose, and there are two or three who write enjoyable and even finely wrought poetry "as is poetry." Of the prose writers we know of no living native who has done so well as we think resident Alderman has. We have said this and more of him perhaps two years ago. He sometimes strikes a high key of literary excellence, and is remarkably happy in phrasing. Turning over recently the pages of "The University Record"—its quarterly for October—our eye fell upon the following, which is so capital, so just and elevated in sentiment, and so rhetorically excellent, we copy it. It is from an address he made to the more than 400 students, on Tuesday, 21st of September, last, as they were entering upon their duties and responsibilities. The appropriateness of the address, with its high ideal, its forceful demands, its noble view of responsibility, its appeal to the best in the young men—their manliness, their sense of right and decency, their character as gentlemen, must impress every intelligent and responsive reader.

place where there is always a breath of freedom in the air, for slavery is not a proper condition for men; where a sound and various learning is taught and taught well, without sham of pretense; where the life and teachings of Jesus furnish both the ideal of right living and true manhood; where manners are gentle, and courtesies daily multiply between teacher and taught, and a gentleman feels at home; where all classes and conditions and beliefs are welcome, and rise in earnest striving by the might of merit; where wealth is no prejudice and poverty no shame; where honorable labor, even of the hands in mental toil, are glorified by high purpose and pathetic desire for the sweet waters and the clearer air; where there is no air of uncharitableness, nor any chidings or railings, but rather a large charity and sympathy in all good efforts that make for righteousness and culture, whether within or without our own academic walls; where there is a will to serve all high ends of a state struggling up out of ignorance into general power; where men are trained to observe closely, imagine vividly, reason accurately, and to have about them some humility and some toleration; where truth, shining patiently, like a star, bids us advance, and we will not turn aside. Will you help us, young gentlemen, to make our alma mater such a place as this? I now give you this sentiment:

"Our Alma Mater—Unceasing growth and honor and usefulness to her throughout the years."

A RESTRICTIVE IMMIGRATION LAW

It is generally known that foreign immigration to our country has fallen off at least forty per cent if not one half within a few years. The Messenger lately stated that a considerable proportion of those coming now, and within two or three years past, are by no means a desirable class. Those coming are generally very poor and many belong to the European pauper class. The immigration from the countries that once mainly came to swell our population with desirable workers and to become good citizens, have to a great degree ceased to come, and now Italy, Austria-Hungary and other parts of Europe are sending over a class that are by no means the kind needed, and who will hardly ever become good citizens understanding our laws and the genius of free institutions. Reared under strong governments, and often in ignorance and poverty, accustomed to an iron rule, with the soldier and his rifle at every turn, they misunderstand what liberty is and abuse it. So ignorant and undesirable are a considerable proportion of immigration, there is a decidedly growing public sentiment favorable to restricting immigration more and more, making an educational test to apply. This will be probably done by the next congress. A requirement of reading and writing may be deemed an absolute prerequisite. There is an intelligent opinion existing that some legislation is necessary to restrict, to lessen the immigration tide, and it is probable that congress will adopt a measure looking to that end. The Messenger has insisted through the years that no man born in other lands should be allowed to vote until he had lived here twenty-one years, as long as a native born elector must have lived before exercising the right of suffrage.

Referring to the countries in Europe furnishing the more desirable classes of citizens for our country, the Philadelphia American says:

"And the records of immigration show that the exclusion of the illiterate would exclude the most undesirable of immigrants. Generally speaking, the proportion of illiterates among the immigrants coming from northern Europe is very small. Of the immigrants who come from Ireland, from Great Britain, from Germany, from Scandinavian countries, but few are illiterate, but few would be excluded by an educational test requiring an ability to read and write. And it is from these countries that come our most desirable immigrants, the immigrants who make the best citizens, whom we assimilate most readily. It is from Russia and southern Europe, from Italy and Austria-Hungary that come the most undesirable of immigrants, and of these immigrants quite one half, and the worst half, are illiterate."

Not many peoples on the globe are capable of receiving that liberty which is guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States. A great many American born citizens—whites too—never appreciate the value and blessings of free institutions because they have never studied civics and do not understand the nature of the government under which they were born and are living. It requires knowledge as well as character to make a good, true citizen. A man must surely have a proper understanding of his government before he can grasp correctly what his rights are and what duties and responsibilities devolve upon him as an elector and citizen of a great republic. Every voter born on our shores however full his intellectual promise, complete his educational preparation, are his acquisitions, history, politics, etc., he must still remain a minor until reaching his twenty-first birth day, and until then he cannot exercise the right of elective franchise, although at seventeen he may have had a better insight into and a complete grasp of the complexities of free institutions and the meaning of liberty and the franchise than any man born under a monarchy could have in two decades. So let the foreign born man not vote until he has passed as long a pupilage as the native son.

Hood's
Stimulate the stomach,
cleanse the liver, cure constipation.

A GENERAL DIVORCE LAW

It is probable that the congress which meets early in December will among other measures try its hand upon a national bankruptcy law and a national divorce law. As to the latter there is a great need of conformity among the states. In many of them the laws are so loose and so low as to almost amount to no law at all. Probably there are not two states whose laws governing divorces are the same. South Carolina is the one state, and there is none other, that has no divorce law. Out west there are states in which it is as easy to get a divorce as to obtain a marriage license. Their laws are so hopelessly low as to be a bid for almost free marriage at will. The Bible is ignored in all the states with divorce laws. Legislators have treated God's law as if no law binding in this land of the free. We doubt not that God will hold to a strict accountability all men who have enacted laws in opposition to and ignoring of His divine law to govern the matter of marriage and divorce. No legislature any more than an individual may trifle with impunity with the demands of Jehovah. He has told when divorce may occur and for what offence, and that only.

Some time ago the American Bar Association discussed a divorce bill that it commends to all the states. It is very desirable because it is very much needed, that some effective, uniform divorce law, based on God's requirements, shall be adopted and shall apply in every state in the American Union. It is a great shame and reproach as it now is. There are states into which ill-assorted people rush to be quickly relieved of the yoke of bondage and then at once marry another fellow or another woman as the case may be. There ought to be a strict law, of universal application, reaching every man and woman in wedlock, and fine and imprisonment should be the penalty for its violation in every case. We would be gratified to see the great abuses abated and the stigma removed from the offending states. A thorough divorce law and divorce view reform is needed. With bad laws bad people become offensively obtrusive and are prone to take to divorces like children take to the measles. It is full time for a radical change. But let not the congress or the bar associations or the legislatures forget God, and leave Him entirely out of the court, when they are considering plans or enacting laws.

THE VALUE OF COTTON SEED

Cotton is way down—five cents—but the blowers find in it no reason for despondency, no cause for complaint. The crop was made so cheap, say these fellows with understandings that will not understand. They say it is still "King Cotton." In North Carolina many farmers are so disheartened they are not picking the crop. We think this unwise, as even five cents is better than nothing. But it is pitiful to see protection tooters blowing over the fine outlook for cotton. The fellow in the Noachic deluge thought it was only a "small shower after all" when he had climbed to the top of the highest limb on the highest tree on the highest mountain, and standing tip-toe, the mighty flood had reached his mouth. So the continued low price of cotton is only a trifle, a mere passing "shower."

The value of the cotton seed is being better understood, and it helps to save many a farmer from bankruptcy from growing the cotton. It used to be regarded as of but little value, but the wiser knowledge has come, and now it is utilized with no little profit. Cotton seed oil mills are all over the south and the farmers are blessed. Like in every thing else that accursed thing, a devouring trust, has been formed and a cotton seed oil trust attracts the greedy speculators as do the pestiferous tobacco trust, and the hundred other schemes of plunder. Not only is the seed profitable for oil, but it makes fine meal for stock, and the hulls make good food for stock also. Salad oils, compound lard and toothsome butterline are all made now of the cotton seeds.

A writer in The Chattanooga Tradesman, if his enthusiasm does not warp his judgment, gives the following impressive statement:

"Steadily, slowly, but surely, the whole face of the southern country, its crops, its methods of farming, its manufacturers are changing always for the better and chiefly due to the direct and indirect influence and action of the cotton seed. The total weight of cotton seed products manufactured today is fully equal to half the weight of the cotton crop, while the total cotton seed raised is twice that of the cotton, and all of this 10,000,000,000 pounds of cotton seed, except a very small percentage, needed for planting, will probably some day pass through the rapid rollers, the huge rollers and the powerful hydraulic presses of the southern oil mills. That time would soon be at hand if our unreasonably prejudiced American people would but learn the real merit and intrinsic value of the products of the cotton seed, and provide the necessary market for them. An economic revolution is fairly under way at the south with only one-fourth of the cotton seed manufactured. How much more may be expected when the other three-fourths are made available."

The thing for North Carolina planters to do is to: 1. Grow the cotton on improved lands; 2. to make cotton at the lowest possible price, using all industry; 3. to learn to utilize the seeds in all possible ways and with the utmost care and intelligence. In this way perhaps the cotton grower can

THE CASUALTIES OF WAR

The governor of Arkansas is the first to lead off in the suppression of football. The Georgia house has voted to suppress it, only three members opposing. A resolution has been introduced in the lower house of the Missouri legislature to prevent ball playing under the Rugby rules in St. Louis. A despatch says of the introducer:

"Mr. Lloyd is himself heartily in favor of physical culture and the manly sports, but he announces that the bill he is to introduce will be submitted to his colleagues by the request of persons whose identity he declines to reveal. Mr. Lloyd acknowledges that the fatalities which have occurred in Rugby games elsewhere occasioned the introduction of the ordinance."

In Pennsylvania in Westmoreland county, some small boys played the game. The result of one casualty is given in a despatch in The Philadelphia Ledger:

"Frank, the seven-year-old son of Lemuel Blair, fell on the ball to prevent his companions from taking it. Three or four other boys fell on the child and crushed him. He was carried home, where it was found that he was injured internally. Today the doctors said they have given up all hope of his recovery."

Mr. R. M. Namlok, an old football club manager, writes to The New York Herald, condemning the game as now played, and says it is doomed unless improved and modified. He says, and it is expert testimony:

"As the football-playing code stands at present, the game is certainly a dangerous one. There is no doubt that it is much more brutal than prize fighting, because it is a case of one man against ten. In a prize fight a man has a even chance, but in football the odds are strongly against him."

The Hartford (Conn.) Post demands that Captain Young, of the Wesleyan University football team, shall be disciplined for his disgraceful conduct last Saturday. He deliberately used his fists, not only upon his opponents, but upon his own players, necessitating his removal from the game.

On the Yale battlefield Pantham had an arm broken. Two deaths from the brutal game reported in The Pittsburgh Herald as occurring in that neighborhood. A correspondent of The Richmond Dispatch reports that the con-

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

STATEMENTS OF THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE SUBSCRIBERS TO THE SEMI-WEEKLY MESSENGER WERE RECENTLY MAILED, AND WHILE A GREAT MANY HAVE RESPONDED, THERE ARE MANY YET IN ARREARS AND WE TRUST THIS REMINDER WILL CAUSE ALL WHO HAVE NEGLECTED THEIR ACCOUNT WITH US TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION. THE DATE ON THE LABEL OF EACH PAPER SHOWS THE TIME TO WHICH THE SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID, AND THE ACCOUNT CAN BE EASILY DETERMINED WITHOUT WAITING FOR A STATEMENT FROM US. A THOROUGH REVISION OF THE LIST WILL BE MADE AT AN EARLY DATE AND ALL DELINQUENTS WILL BE PLACED ON OUR "BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE."

test between the University of Virginia team and the team from the Galland Deafmute College was played with six substitutes, as the regulars were still on the sick list "from old bruises." In a contest reported in Columbus (O.) State Journal, one player suffered a "split right ear." In a contest reported in The Wooster (O.) dispatch to The Cleveland Plain Dealer, reports a game between Sophomores and Juniors. The casualties were: Jarvis of the sophomores had his nose broken; Griesemer, also a sophomore, received a concussion of the brain, and Hackett, a prep, was badly injured internally. From Madison a dispatch to The Milwaukee Wisconsin, a game between the University and Belvid College showed up with several injuries. Peel's knee was much hurt, laying him up for repairs. Brewer will not be able to do much the remaining part of the season. His knee is badly swollen, and so sore he cannot bear a pound upon it. Forrest was dazed in the game, but recovered consciousness later. Today he is about with his left arm in a sling. His right shoulder was sprained, causing so much pain that he was unable to sleep.

These are some of the results of battle gleaned from two days only of fighting. Doubtless many others occurred, of which we have seen no report. We close the record for day with an extract from the experience of a loving Virginia mother. Mrs. Morgan Robinson, of Richmond, Va., writes to The Baptist Religious Herald. We copy but a part:

"One year ago, November 7, 1896, my son, Morgan P. Robinson, at the time president of the General Athletic Association of the university of Virginia was playing football on the university grounds. He received a blow on the head which paralyzed his entire left side. He is still an invalid, although we feel assured of complete recovery. For twelve months I have watched him with the agonized suspense that only a mother can feel."

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ON THE TRIAL OF HIS LIFE FOUND GUILTY

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